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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS ON PORTUGAL WITH ALLIES

1. IN COURSE OF UNGA CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND FONMIN GENSCHER, SECRETARY DISCUSSED RECENT PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS. HE ASKED THEM WHETHER OR NOT THE LABOR AND SPD PARTIES RESPECTIVELY WERE CONSIDERING GIVING SOME HELP TO THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND GIVEN RECENT CRISIS IN LISBON, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH BOTH FOREIGN OFFICES ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS. DEPARTMENT WOULD PLAN TO SEND OFFICIAL TO LISBON BEFORE VISITS TO BONN AND LONDON SO THAT HE WOULD BE WELL-BRIEFED BEFORE EXCHANGE OF ASSESSMENTS ON SITUATION.

3. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES OF PORTUGAL IS PLANNING TO VISIT
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UNGA LATE OCT. AND HAS ASKED TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO CALL

ON PRESIDENT. BEFORE THAT TIME WE NEED ALL INFORMATION
WE CAN GET CONCERNING SITUATION IN LISBON AND POSTURE NEW
GOP IS LIKELY TO TAKE. DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES WOULD HELP
US WITH OUR ASSESSMENT.

4. PLEASE CHECK AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN RESPECTIVE
FOREIGN OFFICES TO SEE IF SUCH VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME.
EXACT DATES NOT YET DECIDED UPON, BUT VISIT WOULD PROBABLY

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TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 13 -14. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE
APPRECIATED AS TIME IS SHORT.

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